





PLASTIC MAN PTHE SPIRIT
AND MANY OTHERS

























I KNOW THAT ...

BUT WHO IS

PLEASE,

MIGTER. I

































































THE FULL STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN AIR ARMADA TAKES TO THE AIR FOR THE FIRST TIME AS HITLER















THE GREAT NAZI ARMADA IS A THING OF THE PAST. .. THE GERMANS TURN TAIL AND STREAK FOR HOME AND FATHERLAND



ARMY ALSO GIVES GROUND, AND IS SOON A RUSHING RUNNING MOB.













TS AN ARMY-NAVY EMER SENCY BUND CARD AT BILGER'S STADIUM ! WOULDN'T GUY BINE OUT FOR THAT WISE BUT SINCE IT'S FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY, FINE!

THE DAY BEFORE THE MATCH, DIXON WEIGHS IN

UNDERSTAND, BOYS, THE ENTIRE PURSE AND PROFITS IS GOING INTO THE FUND









VEAN THIS GRUBB'S A ROYS COULD BE !! GOYS A ROYS A ROYS COULD BE !! GOYS COULD WAKE A KILLIN IF THE KID !! LOST!!



















































































































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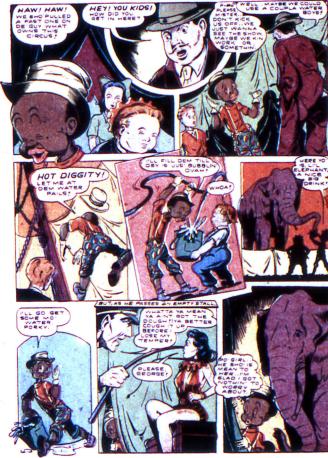


TWO MORE OF THEM., AND CARRYING THE VERY THING!























MAN DEV THROWS BO...Y. YOU ANYBODY DEY CATCHES THINK NEAR ZIMBAMBOO RIGHT INTO DE RED-HOT HARLEMS F-FAR ENOUGE



AND AROUND THE CORNER A DARING FIGURE LISTENS ATTENTIVELY OUICKSILVER!

WOW! THERES A DETACK MENT OF SOLDIERS NOT TEN WILES FROM ZIM-BANBOOT THOSE NATIVES MIGHT STORY THE CAMP!



OWERFUL LEGS ROCKET QUICKSILYER, KIND OF SPEED LIKE A GREASED BOLT OF LIBITIVING TOWARD THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF ZIMBANBOO!



DEATH HAS SPREAD AS FAR NORTH AS HARLEM.

















THAT'S THAT! NOW TO GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND TELL THE KING HE WON'T GET DUNKED INTO THE VOLCANO .. THEN I'L FIND OUT WHY THE SMOKE FROM IT SMELLS OF OIL!



































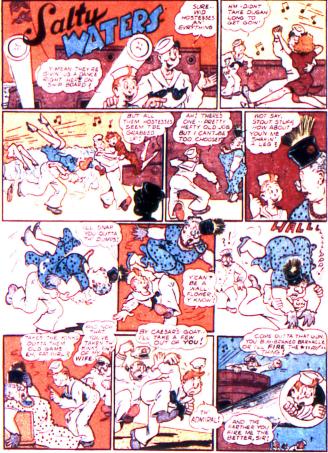






























































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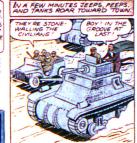








MAGICIAN AND I'M HEP TONIGHT WAKE UP YOUR BOYS 'N SENDEM OVER A WORKOUT!

























THE DESERT ALWAYS WINS

THE huge tank rumbled across the desert with all the grace of a pachyderm, and with far more racket. The crew sweated and choked on the heavy dust that filled the interior Outside, the sun beat down on the great steel armor, converting it into a hot-plate.

Lieut. Sellers mopped his wet face and growled

"Man alive! If I ever get out of this, I'll take mine in the open, and to beck with the Jerries!"

At that moment a terrific explosion shook the big tank, and the driver clutched wildiy at the wheel. The machine dived in a half-turn, pitched down a slope of loose sand and stopped at a sharp angle.

"Holy cow!" yelled Morgan, picking himself up from the heap he found himself in. "Cantcha hold that thing, Mepsy? You darn near busted all my ribs."

Mopsy, the driver, grinned sheepishly. "Think that one got us, fellers. Let's take a look-see." They all piled out. The damage

was slight: only a portion of the tractor treads form away on the right side. The heavy plate was dented from flying pieces of shrapnel. Lieut. Sellers said. "Take us a

couple hours to fix those treads,

The mechanics got busy, there in the burning heat of the Libyan Desert. They had worked an hour when Sellers shouted, "Duck, you guys! There they come!"

Jerry was bearing down on them--five of him Messerschmidts' Before they had all leaped into the protecting interior of the tank, tracers were spewing down, at them in a deadly stream. The planes roared over, banked a half mile away, and came at them again. Machine gun builtes spattered against the armor like hail stones. The crew cowered inside, hoping the devils didn't have anything heavier than .55mm cannon on those planes.

"All clear," said Sellers. "I'll take a look and see if the dirty rats are gone." He withdrew his head after a moment, reporting the planes gone. They got to work again on the treads, and in less than an hour had them repaired.

"Gosh." said one of the crew, "I'd give my next pay check for a slug of ice water."

Nobody answered him. For fue days they had been lost from the main body of troops. There had been a whirtwind charge of British and American units against Rommel's division, which had appeared to wither under the hot fire of the Allies; then something had happened Rommel's forces had got up new steam, evidently rejuvenated by a large force of dive bombers fresh from Germany. They had retailared with a deadly hall of fire, and the Allies were forced to abandon what they had gained.

Just how this tank unit had become lost from the main-body in the retreat nobody knew. Suddenly they had found themselves in the middle of the desert and there was no one near them.

By now they had almost lost count of the days in which they had been wandering across the sands. Their fuel supply was low; they were out of food and their water tanks were empty.

"We've got to get water soon," said Lieut. Sellers with a shake of his blond head. "Not only for us but for the engines. They're steaming now."

They were. In the terrible temperature the motors ran hot anyway, but with the radiators almost empty they had turned into steam engines

Late that evering someone sighted no asis and a howl of pleasure went up from the cramped crew. The driver gave the tank everything it would take and they rolled into Siwa Ossis in a great cloud of dust Two small lakes dotted the burned terrain, not more than a half mile from the shady easis, and the men made for the cool water in a body. Lettu. Sellers,

yelled to them to take it easy, but it was like trying to halt a herd of stampeding cattle. Water! Blessed water!

The soldiers fell on their stomachs and stuck their heads deep into the sparkling fluid, drinking deep.

Mopsy, the driver, after filling himself, fell back with a groan. "Man, oh man!" he gasped. "Ain't this the life!"

Abdul Krim, the Berber headman of the oasis, was a bearded, burnoused shelk of the movie type. His great flowing robe flapped about his knees as he walked. He was most cordial to the American soldiers. He ordered a feast and 'that night the crew of the lost tank studied themselves to the bursting point.

'Abdul Krim's men were a rough.

hard lot, every one of them mounted on the most beautiful horses to be seen anywhere. They were in the pay of the Egoptian army, on a raiding foray against straggling Germans and Italians. As Abdul cagily put it: "My men have bagged—oh, quite a number of the inficels. There are many more to bag. Enfendi!"

Lieut Sellers Isuahed. Then he told the sheik of their predicament. Abdul grinned. It was a good joke, getting lost in the desert. Then he proposed a plan to Lieut. Sellers. Why not join up with his raiding party, until such time as they could find the main body of the army?

Why not, indeed? Sellers saw the value of the alliance and accepted with enthusiam. The trink would lend protection to the horsemen, and vice versa. They might be able to round up a nice collection of the enemy.

Just before dawn that-morning, however, their plans received a jolt. A swarm of bombers came over the casis and laid a basket of eggs. The bombs fell short of their target, but the planes came back and dropped another load. Some of these latter hit the corrain, tilling several horses. Now, if there is anything several horses. Now, if there is anything that will make a desert man see red, it is to kill his horse. The Berbers went mad with hate. They had an antiquated anti-sircraft gun hidden in some brush, and they cut loose. Maybe by lutk or otherwise, the first burst.



brought down a ship It fell into a spin and crashed on the desert not a mile from the oasis. By a miracle it did not catch fire and Sellers saw a golden opportunity.

When the enemy was driven off, he took a small detachment of his men and went to the plane. The pilot and three-man trew were ded, riddled with shrapnel when the shell had burst. They dragged the men out and began an inspection of the ship. The landing gear had come down and was twisted out of shape, but otherwise the plane was in fair condition.

"What a break!" exclaimed Sellers. "Won't take us long to patch up this heap. Then we'll do a bit of skylarking on our own."

The balance of that day was used in repairing the plane. The engine was in perfect shape, and Sellers took off after a moment, circled around for a few minutes and set down again. Old Abdul had a good supply of petrol, stashed in his oasis by the British some time before.

Ken Grove, bronaed young American adventurer, in Egypt for the moment on a secret mission for his government, listened to Major Blakeley of the First British Volunteers. The Major had a yarn 40 spin. It had to do with a tank and its crew which had become lost from the main force.

"Maven't the slightest idea how it happened," he told Ken. "But that tank crew is one of our best, and I have reason to believe that it didn't fall into enemy hands. I know that dog-gone Lieut. Sellers; he's a devil on wheels. We've got to find them,

Ken pondered. How often he had set out on a definite mission, only to find himself engaged in some other task. But it ended up the same. So long as he was serving his country, or that of the Allies, he cared not a whit where the chase led him. He said, "All right, Major, I'll do what I can. You have the ship ready!"
It was a sturdy ship, nothing less

It was a sturdy ship, nothing less than a sleek Spitfire, with twin cannons and three machine-guns.

"Well, here goes nothing!" he sang out as he revved the motors. In a moment he was skimming across the sandy field and had lifted, roaring into the blue Egyptian skies at 200 miles an hour.

miles an hour.

He flew all that day, dropping low over every oasis, watching each puff-of desert dust, searching. But he naw onthing of the lost lank. He saw

something else, however. Towards evening he spotted a large contingent of German soldiers, bolstered by a tank force, surging eastward out of Libya. Where were they bound?

Darkness settled soon afterward and Ken was forced to land for the night. Once during the darkness he thought he heard heavy firing but couldn't be certain as a strong wind had arisen. At dawn he searched the terrain with his binoculars, saw nothing amiss, and again took to the air. He hadn't flown fifty miles when he saw again the big German force, still forging eastward. Then he saw the tank. It was rumbling along at a fair clip toward the east, and trailing it was a large body of horse-· med. He knew the Germans would overtake the smaller body yery soon. He dropped lower, then set down a few rods from the tank and the desert horsemen.

It took only a moment to reveal that this was indeed the lost stank. Lit uit. Sellers explained the situation in a few words. And at that moment the German plane landed near Ken's ahip. He started, then got control of himself as a tousled-headed yorng American leaped out of the cockpit. Sellers told him how the ship had been captured.
"Well, boys," said Ken. "I think

you're in for trouble. An enemy force isn't ten miles behind you now, 11 know you can't hope to hold 'em off-and worse still you can't get ' away, not in that old tank."

Sellers looked glum. "What d'ya suggest, Grove?"

suddenly held up his hand to test the wind. "Just right," he said as if to himself.

"Meaning?" said Sellers dubiously.
"This," Ken said. Then he explained his plan. Sellers wasn't too hot for it, but there wasn't anything else to do. They got the two planes lined up facins the east, and started their engines. The slipstream from the two ships hurled a great pall of dust into the air, creating a gigantic sandstorm. In a moment the sky toward the west was invisible and the meanting cloud of dust rose into the heavens in a dense blanket of saffron particles.

The German commander of the actuating division ran for shelter and the soldiers covered their faces with wet towels. This was one of about terrific, deadly dust storms of which they had heard but never experienced. It lasted an hour, and when the sir sgain cleared there was no sign of the lost tank, the two planes, or the Berbers on horseback.

"Now that," said Lieut, Sellers to Major Blakeley five hours later, "is what I call ong of the eleverest little tricks I even saw pulled. Believe me, that Ken Grove lad has a brain!"

The major heartily agreed with his fleutenant. Had it not been for the screening fog of dust, the Germans would have killed or captured every man in the desert party.

"Yeah," observed Major Blakeley to himself as Lieut Sellers went striding off to his quarters, "that young Grove feller is somebody to be proud of!"



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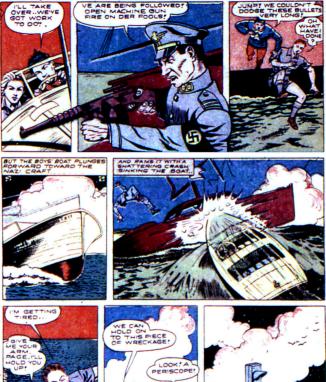
































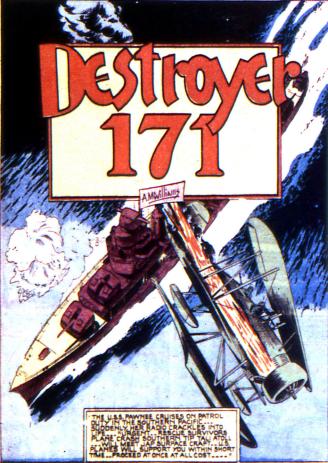












ON THE PAWNEE'S BRIDGE, LIEUTEMANT COMMANDER LAKE AND CONROY, HIS FIRST OFFICER, SCAN THE MESSAGE...

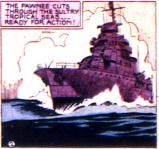


THAT'S WHY IT MAY'S WELL RUN INTO JAP SHIPS.! IT'S GOING TO BE A RACE TO SEE WHO SETS THERE FIRST, I'M AFRAID













THE DESTROYER RAPIDLY APPROACHES
THE FIRST SERIES OF CORAL REEFS
BORDERING TALI ATOLL ---



THERE'S THE WRECK! ED PLANE LOOKS LIKE A BAD CRASH





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THE JAP PILOT CLIMBS MADLY FOR ALTITUDE ... BUT THE SEA-PLANE IS SLOW... AND EVERY GUN ON THE DESTROYER IS BLAZING AWAY AT IT!





WE'RE JUST ABOUT TOUCHING BOTTOM... BUT AT LEAST WE WON'T BE BOTHERED BY THE CRUISER'S FIRE... WE'RE PRETTY WELL HIDDEN BEHIND THESE REEFS!!







THERE'S THE PLANE, SKIPPER! HER MEN ARE PADDLING OUT IN THEIR LIFE RAFT TO MEET US

































AS THE PAWNEE REACHES OPEN WATER, A FLIGHT OF AMERICAN PLANES ROAR OVERHEAD... AND DROP THEIR DEADLY CARGOES ON THE TRAPPED JAP CRUISER... DESTROYING I....!



YOU'LL GET THE NAVY CROSS FOR THIS DAY'S WORK, COM-MANDER... NEVER SAW A SHIP HANDLED THE WAY THIS YES, GENERA ONE WAS!! IT TOOK THE YES, GENERAL, IT TOOK THE NAVY TO SAVE THE ARMY ONCE







OMIC CHARACTER

THE Tootsie Roll OF HONOR

MEET THE POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS



COURTY THE BOT who storts mings! And pages leve him for it. Now he's got his friends making gifts for British children. Eddie ears plenty of Sootsie Rolls. They're fuel for brains as well as muscles!



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UNCLE SAM SAYS "Make sure what you eat is nourishing pure and full of energy "Eat. plenty of Tootsie Rolls. They're rich in wholesome Destrose give you quick food-energy

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